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TAGS: UNRWA, XF, JO

SUBJECT: UNRWA MOVE TO VIENNA; ADCOM MEETING AUGUST 29

REF: STATE 217670

1. WE ARE INTERESTED TO LEARN FROM REFTEL THAT UNRWA DID CONSULT ON HEADQUARTERS MOVE TO VIENNA WITH DEPARTMENT AND WORKING GROUP. AT TIME OF ASHWORTH/MCCALL VISIT APRIL 25-27, COMMISSIONER GENERAL DID NOT INFORM EMBASSY OF CONTEMPLATED MOVE.

2. BECAUSE WE BELIEVE HEADQUARTERS MOVE WILL BE CONTENTIOUS ITEM AT ADCOM, WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID A POSSIBLE PROVOCATION BY MAKING A SLIGHT ALTERATION OF OUR GENERAL STATEMENT. FINAL SENTENCE IN DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT WE ARE AFRAID COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE EFFECT OF MAKING AN ISSUE OF ADCOM'S CONFIDENCE IN COMMISSIONER GENERAL'S JUDGMENT, AN ISSUE WE BELIEVE WE AND THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BOTH WISH TO AVOID HAVING RAISED AT ADCOM. AT SAME TIME, WE WILL CERTAINLY ASSUME A POSTURE OF SHOWING CONFIDENCE IN COMMISSIONER GENERAL DURING THE ADCOM.

3. WE THEREFORE REQUEST APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING REVISED
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ARRANGEMENT FOR LAST FOUR SENTENCES (FOLLOWING ... "THE NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES"): "THE RECENT NECESSITY OF AGAIN RELOCATING THE UNRWA HEADQUARTERS WITHIN LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF ITS RETURN TO BEIRUT IS AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL BURDEN TO THE AGENCY. FACED WITH A CONTINUING DEFICIT, THE CG WILL HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT BUDGETARY DECISIONS TO KEEP SPENDING IN LINE WITH INCOME. WE FULLY

SUPPORT HIS JUDGMENT IN THESE DIFFICULT BUDGETARY
DECISIONS."

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF REVISED LANGUAGE ASAP.
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